

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4901

September 11, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Thompson, Schuette, Martin, Alexander and Wozniak and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 17211 and 17603 (MCL 333.17211 and 333.17603),  
section 17211 as amended by 2017 PA 22 and section 17603 as added  
by 2008 PA 524.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 17211. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice  
2 of nursing or the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse  
3 unless ~~he or she~~ **the individual** is licensed or is otherwise

1 authorized by this article.

2 (2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination  
3 of the words, titles, or letters, with or without qualifying words  
4 or phrases, are restricted in use only to those ~~persons~~**individuals**  
5 authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed  
6 in this part:

7 (a) "Registered professional nurse", "registered nurse",  
8 "r.n.", "licensed practical nurse", "l.p.n.", "nurse midwife",  
9 "certified nurse midwife", "c.n.m.", "advanced practice registered  
10 nurse", "a.p.r.n.", "nurse anesthetist", "nurse practitioner",  
11 "n.p.", "certified nurse practitioner", and "c.n.p.".

12 (b) Beginning 12 months after the effective date of the rules  
13 promulgated under section 17210(2), "clinical nurse specialist",  
14 "c.n.s.", "clinical nurse specialist-certified", and "c.n.s.-c.".

15 **(3) The license cycle for a registered professional nurse and**  
16 **a licensed practical nurse is 3 years.**

17 Sec. 17603. ~~(1) Beginning the effective date of this part, an~~  
18 **An** individual shall not use the titles "speech-language  
19 pathologist", "speech pathologist", "speech therapist", "speech  
20 correctionist", "speech clinician", "language therapist", "language  
21 pathologist", "logopedist", "communicologist", "aphasiologist",  
22 "phoniatrist", "voice therapist", and "voice pathologist", or  
23 similar words that indicate that the individual is a speech-  
24 language pathologist, unless the individual is licensed under this  
25 part as a speech-language pathologist.

26 **(2) The license cycle for a speech-language pathologist is 3**  
27 **years.**